

THE BULLETIN



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CALENDAR

Monday, June 3 to Friday, June 14 – Exhibit of art in the courtroom, featuring sketches by major artists who are members of the Society of Illustrators.

Friday, June 7 – Deadline for the OPC Bulletin of June 15.

Wednesday, June 12, 5:30 p.m. – Talking Shop With . . . Charlotte Curtis, Associate Editor of the New York Times and Editor of the Op-Ed page. (See page 1)

Tuesday, June 18, 5:30 p.m. – Overseas Jazz Club, Twilight Jazz with Dick Hyman, "Genius at the Piano," Club headquarters.

Tuesday, June 25, 5:30 p.m. – Jack Tafoya's Jazz Adventure Orchestra. Club Headquarters.

Wednesday, July 10, 12 Noon – "Population and Food Crises." Speakers: General William H. Draper, Chairman, Population Crisis Committee, and Dr. J. George Harrar, President Emeritus of the Rockefeller Foundation. Master of Ceremonies, Hugh Downs. Luncheon 12 Noon, \$8.75 per person including tax and gratuities. (See page 1)

RESERVATIONS: Please call Mary Novick, 687-2430. Reservation cancellations must reach the OPC office 24 hours before the event, otherwise members will be charged the announced fee.

ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: Please check Club Calendar with Mary Novick or Jim Menditto before scheduling any event or committee meeting.

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CHAMPAGNE, FINE CHEESE TITILLATE PALATES AT NEW OPC HOME OPENING

By HELEN ALPERT

Would you believe a gala New Year's Eve party in the middle of May? To the rhythm of popping corks, the gurgle of elegant free champagne, and a connoisseur's array of choice cheeses, the Overseas Press Club officially celebrated its arrival in its new home at the Biltmore Hotel.

CHARLOTTE CURTIS NEXT SPEAKER AT SHOPTALKS

by LARRY STESSIN

Chairman, "Talking Shop With..." Program

Charlotte Curtis, the first woman to make the masthead of the 132-year-old "New York Times," will be the featured speaker on the OPC's "Talking Shop With..." Program. The date:

Wednesday,
June 12 at
5:30 P.M.



Charlotte Curtis

over the Op-Ed page, Miss Curtis was Family/Style editor, creating pages that have been attributed with influencing and changing traditional concepts of women's news reporting and writing

Salisbury, in commenting on Miss Curtis' qualifications to take over what is probably the most intensively read page in the Times, said:

"There is no better reporter on the paper and reporting is the name of the game whether you are out on the street chasing or behind the desk figuring out what to chase. There is no more innovative editor on the paper — she not only brought rags to riches to her page but co-ed dorms and lesbian motherhood as well.

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The Open House frolic for members and guests took place on Tuesday, May 14 in the form of a pre-dinner champagne and cheese tasting party arranged by Larry Blochman and his House Committee, all delectables furnished by wine expert Robert Jay Misch, Mary Lyons of Foods from France and French Trade Consul Robert Lemerrier with Assistant Trade Consul Jean-Pierre Gachlin.

Luxuriously imbibed were these champagnes: Bollinger, Tattinger, Veuve Clicquot, Laurent Perrier, and Lanson. If you wish to know more about which was who, phone the Champagne News and Information Bureau at the Irving Smith Kogan Co., 759-2530.

President Jack Raymond welcomed the throng: "I can't tell you how thrilled I am not only with our new quarters, but to see them so filled with friends and members."

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WORLD CRISES TOPICS

SLATED FOR LUNCHEON

The World Crises in Population and Food has been rescheduled as a "Headliner Luncheon", to take place Wednesday, July 10, at noon.

General William H. Draper, Chairman of the Population Crisis Committee and U.S. Representative to the U.S. Commission on Population and Dr. J. George Harrar, President Emeritus of the Rockefeller Foundation, will discuss the crises problems.

Hugh Downs, well known TV commentator, will be master of ceremonies for the program which is designed to stimulate attention to the forthcoming U.N. Conferences on Population and Food in Bucharest and Rome, respectively, later this year.

This event is one of the major programs of the OPC this season, for no less reason than the problems to be discussed are among the most serious confronting the world today.

70th BIRTHDAY MEMORIAL:

'FATS' WALLER LIVES ON!

By RUTH BIEMILLER

Somewhere up there the welkin rang May 21, as Waller Alumni and other illustrious musicians celebrated the 70th birthday of the late Thomas "Fats" Waller, running the gamut of the musical legacies of the great stride pianist, singer, composer and humorist.

Here below, in the Music Room of the Biltmore — where the Overseas Jazz Club staged the session for a record crowd of 250 members and guests — joy was unconfined. Artists and audience alike reveled in three "Ain't Misbehavin'"s, two "Honey-suckle Rosé"s, and a "Jitterbug Waltz."

Gwen Cleveland of the Alumni sang a lovely unpublished Waller ballad of New York City, called "There" and a provocative "Keeping Out of Mischief Now" and "I Had To Do It." Dill Jones, young Welsh pianist, played two less-well-known Waller compo-

sitions, the intricate "African Ripples" and "Alligator Crawl."

Other guest pianists: Don Donaldson, Mike Lipskin (singing and playing Waller's novelty tune, "I'm Crazy About My Baby"), Tom Valvo and Dorothy Donegan. Clyde Lucas sat in on drums and Larry Richardson on bass.

Dorothy Donegan brought the evening to uproarious close, writhing wildly down and up the aisle, while shouts and whistles from the hand-clapping throng drowned out the band's final "Ain't Misbehavin'."

The Waller Alumni: Maurice "Fats" Waller Jr., piano and vocals; Herman Autrey, trumpet; Eddie Durham, trombone; Al Casey, guitar; Arthur Trappier, drums; Cedric Wallace, bass; Rudy Powell, alto sax.

OPC Jazz Chairman Wilma Dobie masterminded this memorable tribute to a cherished jazz musician.

WASHINGTON TICKER

by JESSIE STEARNS

OPC-Washington Chapter marked the club's 35th anniversary at a reception honoring two charter members — *Linton* and *Fay Gillis Wells*, now residing here.

Linton became a foreign correspondent in 1911 and was vice president of the club in 1941 when *Burnet Hershey* was President. He had planned Fay to be the fourth President in 1942 but Lowell Thomas was elected.

Linton courted Fay in Moscow in 1933-34 and they were married in New York City in 1935.

They both were foreign correspondents in Ethiopia, Europe, and Latin America.

Linton circumnavigated the globe 13 times, traveled over 2,000,000 miles, established a circumnavigation of the globe record of 28 days, 14 hours, and 36 minutes in 1926. He authored "Around the World in 27 days," "Jumping Meridians," "Blood on the Moon," "Salute to Valor," and a play, "Second Guesses."

Fay is Storer Broadcasting — White House correspondent, and traveled to China, Moscow, and Europe with Presidents Johnson and Nixon. She is an aviatrix, writer, traveler, and broadcaster.

In responding to a brief history of these charter members given by Jessie Stearns, Fay said the first OPC meeting was followed by a breakfast at the Algonquin Hotel. Then on April 9, 1939, a luncheon group decided the formation, and the organization was formed at Eugene Lyons' home.

Chairman of the Washington chapter John "Pat" Heffernan stated the engraved plaque honoring the occasion was delayed but will be given later. Enjoying the occasion were Mrs. Heffernan, Esther "Duchess" Van Waggoner Tufty, Angela de Gingras, Dixon Donnelley, Joan Schafer, Jim Cary, Mr. and Mrs. Max Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Zapple, Marian Wilhelm, Mr. and Mrs. Barrett McGurn, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Jones, Betty Wason, Jerry Hennifin, Lafe Allen, Clifford Evans and others.

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Ed Hunter appeared on WRC-TV show discussing the kidnapping of Patty Hearst and the "brainwashing" job done by her captors.

Hunter's book "Brainwashing" was written in the 1950's and was translated into other languages. He created the word.

SHOPTALK FEATURES

2 GUYS FROM 'PEOPLE'

By THOMAS J. KRANER

The story of the creation of *PEOPLE*, at Time, Inc., from concept to the marketplace was detailed by Richard Durrell, publisher, and Richard Stolley, managing editor of *PEOPLE* at OPC's Shoptalk program on May 22nd at the Club.

Before *PEOPLE* appeared nationally, with a cover date of March 4, 1974, management felt, Stolley said, that the human equation was left out of other publications because of the complexity of the news, even though there is a revived interest in individual efforts and foibles.

Therefore, he noted, the publication will cater to the public's hunger for still pictures and "cover family, personalities, news figures and tell you something about them beyond what they're reading in other publications."

PEOPLE, he said, "is not a revived *LIFE*, or the 'People' section of *TIME*. It goes into an editorial area that was not occupied by any other magazine."

Sales volume of *PEOPLE* is 1,000,000 units a week. More women buy the magazine because they shop in supermarkets where it has major distribution. Readership is split between 60 per cent women and 40 per cent men.

The magazine, noted Durrell, has "a lean staff, a stringent editorial budget with inflexible deadlines, color is out and there are no subscriptions. It is being sold at newsstands and supermarket outlets."

CHARLOTTE CURTIS

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She's dynamite. Or as Cole Porter put it, she's the top."

Miss Curtis has reported from the South Pacific, Europe, the Middle East and the Soviet Union as well as from virtually every major city in the United States.

The Shop Talk session will be held in the OPC's new headquarters on the 19th floor of the Biltmore. Guests invited. There will be a cash bar.

CHAMPAGNE PARTY

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Friends and members bubbled in from everywhere: *Ann Masters*, Bridgeport, Conn. Post; *Jules Frantz*, longtime Herald-Trib, a founder of the OPC and oldest member in point of service; *Juliet Lowell* fresh in from Guatemala's acclaim of her as "the female Mark Twain"; former OPC President *Will Oursler* with spouse *Ad*; *Myra Waldo*; *Gerry Gewirtz* whose father, 83, beguilingly celebrated his second Bar Mitzvah recently; In Chen, young Chinese woman writer; *Li Ling Ai* who sped back from Honolulu; *Theo Wilson*, N.Y. Daily News; *Stella Margold*; *Harry Rand*; *Alice Caddy*, artist wife of novelist *Ben Lucien Burman*, recovering well from cataract surgery; *Art Milton* reporting that this year's Dateline topped all others in profits (did you realize his first Dateline was 1957?); *Helen Germain* who blew in from Hypoluxo Island in the middle of Lake Worth, Fla. (that's sort of midway between Palm Beach and Lantana); *Ruth Aley*; *WOR's Margaret Digan*, guest of Judge and Dotty Allman.

Add the bulwark of OPC stalwarts: *Larry Stessin*, *Dorothy Omansky*, *Lou Calderoni*, *Joe Peters*, *Adele Gutman Nathan*, *Frances Kish* (Henriette is fine and home from the hospital), *Jack Frummer*, *Will Yolen*, *Ruth* and *Ray Biemiller*, *Rosalind Massow*, *Grace Naismith* with new member *John Devlin*, *Erik Modean*.

The frolic was highlighted by a lottery drawing for prizes captured, it seemed, by everyone, "I never won a thing in my life," muttered N.Y. Timesman *Sherwin Smith*, glumly eyeing the parade of winners. To his amazement he won a shampoo set. Most walked off with a Breck "Beautiful Hair" shampoo set, except for the winners of 3 quarts of Dewar's White Label.

Hiccup. Scuse me.

BLUE CROSS BECKONS

If you want to enroll in the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Plan, please be advised that the deadline is June 28, 1974. This is a twice-a-year opportunity. Call or write for application. Mrs. Fay Adler at the OPC, 687-2430.

\$\$\$ REPORT DEFERRED

Due to a lack of space, we regret that we were unable to include the OPC financial report as was promised in the last issue. It will appear in the June 15 issue.

RAY VICKER SPEAKS ON MIDEAST COVERAGE

Soviet Russia wants to see constant tension in the Middle East because she eventually wants to control the oil fields and extend her hegemony in that part of the world, said *Ray Vicker* at the "Talking Shop With..." on Monday, May 20th.

Vicker is Chief Overseas Correspondent for the Wall Street Journal and three times winner of OPC Awards for foreign news reporters. *Larry Stessin*, Chairman of the "Talking Shop With..." program, presided.

"I think the best way to reduce Russian influence in the Middle East is to bring about peace backed by the United States," Vicker said. "It would be the best way to defeat the Russians."

Vicker's talk, informative and at times amusing, also dealt with the difficulties in getting a story out of the Middle East. But he was consoled by the fact that his competitors sometimes faced the same problem. However, he said he has always enjoyed cordial relations with both the Israelis and the Arabs. A questions and answers period followed the main discourse.

OBITUARY

Evans F. Houghton, a public-relations man, died on May 16 at New England Deaconess Hospital, Boston. He was 59 years old and lived in Newton Corner, a Boston suburb.

For the last 10 years, Mr. Houghton had been public-relations director of the hospital and also was president of Contacts International.

He began his career on the staff of The San Francisco Examiner. In 1941 he came here to direct public relations for the Birdseye division of the General Foods Corporation. Previously, he had been with Benton and Bowles, Selva and Lee and the Air Transport Command.

Born in Kiln, Mississippi, he was a World War II Army veteran and a member of the One Hundred Club, Bay Club, National Press Club and the Overseas Press Club.

He leaves his wife, four sons, two daughters, his mother, and a sister.

COSELL HONORED

Howard Cosell, radio and television sports reporter and commentator for ABC, received the "Broadcaster of the Year Award" from the international Radio and Television Society, Inc. at its Annual Meeting held at a luncheon on Thursday, May 23, 1974 in the Imperial Ballroom of the Americana Hotel in New York.

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WhoWhatWhere

By GRACE NAISMITH

HONORS: **Yale Newman** receives, USIA's Meritorious Honor Award from Ambassador Robert M. Sayre "for his effective organization of press arrangements during the UN Security Council Meeting in Panama and his beneficial work for Secretary of State Rogers' visit to Latin America, which resulted in timely and wide dissemination of U.S. views on important foreign policy issues."...Gov. Malcolm Wilson cites **Robert I. Queen** for courage and a sense of responsibility in that Queens robbery, reported so eloquently in the Bulletin, Mar. 15...**Charles G. Hagedorn**, editor and publisher of Town & Village, has been elected president of the Society of Silurians...**Eric Burger** has been awarded by President Dr. Gustav Heinemann of the Federal Republic of Germany the Cross of Honor First Class in recognition of his contribution to German-American cultural relations.

PUBLISHING EVENTS: **Jack Galub** has an article on telephone answering machines in May Apartment Life magazine and one on self-protection against street crime in May True Story. Jack is off to Curacao to write more articles...**Alan Levy** reports articles on Sophia Loren in May Good Housekeeping, the painter Oskar Koschka in Feb. ARTnews, and U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim in Europe (London), Tages Anzeiger (Zurich) and N.Y. Daily News Sun. April 21. Alan (Albertgasse 59/7, 1080 Wien VIII, Austria) recently spent a weekend with the Waldheims at their retreat...**Theodore Berland's** latest book, "Living With Your Eye Operation", written in collaboration with Dr. Richard A. Perritt, is published by St. Martin's Press...**Marlin Levin**, correspondent Time-Life News Service, writes from the Jerusalem Bureau that his book "Balm in Gilead," is a Commentary Book selection. It's in a third printing.

HITHER AND THITHER: **Sol Zatt**, recently returned from Australia, Honolulu and the Fiji Islands. In Canberra, he was hosted by **Brian McKibbin** and at the Sydney Journalists Club by Ian Dawes of the Australian Information Service. High spot of the trip: running into **Ken Giniger** at the Sydney Opera House...**Will Yolen**, (representing OPC), will attend the Editorial Conference on the Middle East, visiting Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Israel, May 24 to June 10...**Dorothy Ducas**, p.r. consultant for the National Cystic Fibrosis Founda-

tion, attended the annual conference of American women in Radio and Television last month. The AWRT has adopted the Foundation as a special project for the year.

SPEAKER: **Jack Raymond**, president OPC, spoke at the third annual A.J. Liebling Counter-Convention May 11. According to the N.Y. Times, "Mr. Raymond, who used to cover the Pentagon for The Times, said that in the days of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, when several newspapers published an American military plan, 'the White House press secretary blasted the papers for doing so,' but nonetheless 'defended the papers' right to print it.'"

NEW LOOK: **John J. Platero** was appointed AP correspondent in Sao Paulo, succeeding William R. Long, who has been named AP news editor in Rio de Janeiro.

NEW MEMBERS

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Elaine Hess, Feature Writer, Staten Island Advance.

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